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The new issues are newly inserted limitations in the step iii) including incorporation of growth medium into storage medium and preparation of cells for storage “without recovery of the microorganisms using centrifugation or filtration” that require further consideration and/or search. The issue of new matter might also exist.

Applicants arguments filed 1/28/2009 have been considered but not found persuasive because they are mostly directed to the new limitations.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vera Afremova whose telephone number is (571) 272-0914. The examiner can normally be reached from Monday to Friday from 9.30 am to 6.00 pm.

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